pline guidelines is taken by the oil companies against the erring distributors.

**Delay in making payments to pensioners**

2222. SHRI BIJOY KRISHNA HANDIQUE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that retired Defence Personnel/Central Government employees/State Government employees who are drawing pension through Post Office Daulatpur Chowk and Gondpur Banehrs Tehsil—Amb, District, Una, Himachal Pradesh have not been paid pension gratuity, commuted value of pension, arrears of ad-hoc relief sanctioned by Government from time to time and arrears on account of the adoption of liberalised pension formula to pre-31-3-1979 pensioners in accordance with the judgement of the Supreme Court;

(b) if so, what is the number of cases of above mentioned categories pending with the above Post Office;

(c) what are the reasons for the delay in making payment in the above cases and the action that has been taken in this regard against the concerned authorities: and

(d) when these pending cases are likely to be settled and payment is made to pensioners and family pensioners?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) Defence/Central Government pensioners drawing their pension through Daulatpur Chowk and Gondpur Banehra Tehsil-Amb, District Una, Himachal Pradesh, have been paid pension gratuity and commuted value of pension. The payment of relief on pension payable upto November, 1984 has been made to all 82 pensioners drawing their pension from these Post Offices. Payment of arrears of revised pension under Supreme Court judgement to pre-31-3-1979 pensioners has been made except 58 Defence pensioners in whose cases payment authority is to be received from the Controller of Defence Accounts (Pension) Allahabad.

(b) 58 cases in respect of payment of arrears on account of Liberalised Pension Formula in accordance with the Supreme Court judgement are pending and relate to the Defence Pensioners.

(c) These cases (58 cases) are pending in the Una Head Post Office for want of payment authority from the Controller of Defence Accounts (Pen.), Allahabad.

(d) Payment can be made to the Pensioners as soon as the cases are finalised by the Controller of Defence Accounts (Pension), Allahabad.

**गांवों में सहायक उद्योगों का स्थापित किया जाना**

2223. क्या **उद्योग और कम्पनी कार्य मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार के समर्थन के बावजूद देश में ग्रामीण और लघु कुटीर उद्योगों की संख्या कम होती जा रही है और इसी प्रकार खादी और ग्रामीण उद्योग लगातार घाटे में चल रही हैं, यदि हां, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं और स्थिति में सुधार लाने के लिए सरकार का क्या उचित उपाय करने का विचार है ;

(ख) क्या सरकार का जापान की तरह देश के गांवों में सहायक उद्योग स्थापित करने का विचार है यदि हां, तो किस तरीके से और किन वस्तुओं के लिए स्थापित करना चाहती है ; और

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि गांवों में कृषि, वन और खनिजों आदि पर आधारित ग्रामीणोन्मुख उद्योग स्थापित करने के लिए अभी तक किसी भी प्रकार की आधारित संरचना का विकास नहीं किया गया है, यदि हां, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?